

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1, 6, 10, 17 and 20 have been amended. Claims 5 and 14 have been cancelled without prejudice. No Claims have been added.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for his thorough search and for finding allowable subject matter. At this time, to expedite allowance, the Applicant has amended each independent claim to include limitations of allowed claims 5 and 14. Therefore, all claims are now in condition for allowance.

35 U.S.C. § 102(b) Rejections

Examiner rejected claims 1, 8-10, 16, 17 and 20 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 4,577,287 (hereinafter "Chrin"). The Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner. However, the claims have been amended and are now in condition for allowance.

35 U.S.C. § 103(a) Rejections

Examiner rejected claims 2-4, 11-13, 18, 19, 21 and 22 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 4,577,287 (hereinafter "Chrin") in view of U.S. Patent 5,068,816 (hereinafter "Noetzel"). The Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner. However, the claims have been amended and are now in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

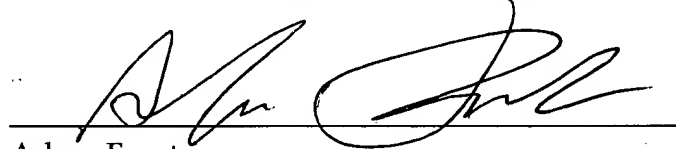
Applicants respectfully submit the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite or assist in the allowance of the present application, the Examiner is invited to call Adam Furst at (408) 947-8200.

Authorization is hereby given to charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any charges that may be due.

Respectfully submitted,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Adam Furst', is written over a horizontal line.

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